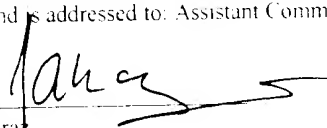


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the following paragraphs starting on page 18, line 5 and ending on page 20, line 23

Fig. 1 (PRIOR ART) shows an example of the steps involved in generating cDNA libraries from mRNA. Although a number of strategies can be used for cDNA library generation, of which two are shown above, all libraries require as a first step, a primer from which the reverse transcriptase (RT) can prime. In the case of full-length cDNA libraries, an oligo d(T) primer is used because it anneals to the 3' poly (A) tail of the eukaryotic mRNAs. In the case of prokaryotic, some viral, or other eukaryotic